

## Pronouns . . .

### Number of a Pronoun

#### 764.1

##### Singular and Plural Pronouns

Pronouns can be either singular or plural in number.

**Singular:** I, you, he, she, it    **Plural:** we, you, they

**NOTE** The pronouns *you*, *your*, and *yours* may be singular or plural.

### Person of a Pronoun

The person of a pronoun tells whether the pronoun is speaking, being spoken to, or being spoken about. (See page 534.)

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##### First Person Pronouns

A first-person pronoun is used in place of the name of the speaker or speakers.

**I am speaking.    We are speaking.**

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##### Second Person Pronouns

A second-person pronoun is used to name the person or thing spoken to.

**Eliza, will you please take out the garbage?**

**You better stop grumbling!**

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##### Third Person Pronouns

A third-person pronoun is used to name the person or thing spoken about.

**Bill should listen if he wants to learn the words to this song.**

**Charisse said that she already knows them.**

**They will perform the song in the talent show.**

### Uses of Pronouns

A pronoun can be used as a subject, as an object, or to show possession. (See the chart on page 766.)

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##### Subject Pronouns

A subject pronoun is used as the subject of a sentence (*I*, *you*, *he*, *she*, *it*, *we*, *they*).

**I like to surf the Net.**

A subject pronoun is also used after a form of the *be* verb (*am*, *is*, *are*, *was*, *were*, *being*, *been*) if it repeats the subject. (See "Predicate Nouns," 756.5.)

**"This is she," Mom replied into the telephone.**

**"Yes, it was I," admitted the child who had eaten the cookies.**



## Grammar Practice

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Write the antecedent for the missing pronoun in each sentence. Is it singular or plural? Is it first, second, or third person? Then, for each blank, write the correct pronoun.

**Example:** The first time Maggie and I saw the movie *Bambi*,  
\_\_\_\_\_ cried.

Maggie and I (plural, first person) we

1. Carlota bought a new leash for \_\_\_\_\_ dog.
2. Since the leash is leather, \_\_\_\_\_ will last a long time.
3. Franklin and John have soccer practice, so \_\_\_\_\_ will be late for dinner.
4. "Boys, you will have to make \_\_\_\_\_ own meal," Mom said.
5. I don't wake up in the morning until my cat licks \_\_\_\_\_ nose.
6. Theo isn't very tall, but \_\_\_\_\_ can really shoot hoops.
7. Grandpa gave this book to Kyle and me, and it is now \_\_\_\_\_ most prized possession.
8. Darcy, when you grab luggage off the carousel at the airport, make sure it's really \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Mr. and Mrs. Gunderson are trying to sell \_\_\_\_\_ house.
10. The towering maple tree has lost all of \_\_\_\_\_ leaves early this year.
11. I asked Jason to give \_\_\_\_\_ a ride to school.
12. Jessi and I don't like brussels sprouts, and \_\_\_\_\_ won't eat lima beans, either.

*Next Step:* Write a sentence in which you use a singular, second-person pronoun. Write a second sentence using a plural, first-person pronoun. Share your sentences with a partner.